

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel) has secured \$4.53 million to fund water projects in the Central Coast. The funds are included in the House Appropriations bill on Energy and Water Development.

"The Central Coast is all about water, from Monterey Bay to our farms to our homes," said Sam Farr. "Protecting our environment and providing a sufficient supply of clean water is an essential part of everything we do."

Program details:

\$1 million to continue planning and design for the flood control project on the Pajaro River in Watsonville:

- This project is for the lower Pajaro River and Corralitos/Salsipuedes Creeks in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Floods in 1995 caused more than \$50 million in damage, with additional damage in 1997 and 1998.

\$2 million for the Watsonville Area Water Recycling Project:

- This project will recycle 4,000 acre-feet per year of water that is currently discharged to the ocean. The project will reduce pumping of ground water from the water basin under the Watsonville and Pajaro Valley areas.

\$2.53 million will go toward three additional projects:

- 1. Repairing the south jetty at Moss Landing Harbor's Federal Channel. If not repaired, the jetty will continue collapsing and the underlying shoreline will erode, requiring more frequent and costly dredging or the eventual closing of the channel.
- 2. Support for the Elkhorn Slough Restoration project.
- 3. Support for the Dredged Material Management Plan.

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